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SUBJECT: Progress Report for January 1951

FROM: [REDACTED]

1. Operations: The main phase of operations at present consists of monitoring on the same basis as during the month of December on the [REDACTED] plan. A daily log is kept and submitted monthly on this monitoring and to date everything has been routine.

In addition to [REDACTED], we have been given several signal plans to monitor in order to familiarize the personnel with procedures, operating characteristics, and operating difficulties encountered in handling this type of circuit. The base stations are heard quite regularly but field stations have been unheard with one possible exception. A concentrated effort is being made to get both ends of these circuits.

A program has been set up to make a daily check by teletype with [REDACTED] Headquarters. This program has been in effect for approximately four weeks now and has proven very successful. In addition to the daily check, it is also possible to contact them at any time during the day by calling and requesting a machine be put on our line.

2. Security: Security has been very good and no violations cited to date. In addition to the [REDACTED] police who have been on duty since our arrival, the [REDACTED] has also added a force of [REDACTED] police who patrol the field in a jeep between the hours of 1700 and 0800, the hours when none of our personnel are at the field.

3. Supply: Difficulties of obtaining supplies through the [REDACTED] have been practically eliminated. Recently there has been very little need to use their facilities but small items will be requisitioned from time to time in order to keep this line of supply open. In addition to having organizational copies of the issue slips, it has been arranged through Budget and Fiscal to have monthly statements on the cost of the items requisitioned made out to us for our use. The first supplementary shipment of supplies has also been received from the [REDACTED]. In opening the shipment, it was found that a 131-B-2 subscriber set was shaken up very badly and a complete survey of the damage has not yet been completed. When such is completed, a special report will be submitted describing the damage in its entirety. A quick survey revealed that relays had broken loose and been tossed around during handling, breaking off and smashing other parts of the set.

4. Automotive Equipment: As stated in a previous report, garage and repair facilities have been made available through a local garage. This has proven most satisfactory as they are equipped with a machine shop, wood shop, and welding facilities. The head mechanic has also

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had experience during the war with GM diesel motors and is quite capable of helping the man presently assigned to their maintenance in repairing anything which is too difficult for an untrained man. It has also been arranged to have this garage come to our locations once monthly and go over all the vehicles, giving them the necessary lubrication and greasing they will need. When the trucks are outdoors he will handle it there also by means of a portable compressor. The facilities offered by this particular garage have proven to be an asset to us.

It is planned in the near future to have [REDACTED] personnel go over the vehicles completely before they are placed outside and any signs of rust or deterioration to be corrected. It will be necessary to scrape and repaint several places already detected, such as places where sealing tape was put on for shipping. Paint and allied supplies - brushes, etc. - are available through the [REDACTED] supply channels. 25X1A

5. Personnel: Personnel presently assigned are fully occupied with the [REDACTED] monitoring and the radio teletype and diesel maintenance work and surveying duties in addition to various administrative functions. The maintenance of the monitoring schedule of 10 hours per day, 7 days a week, necessitates staggered shifts and days off. If all present functions are to be retained, it will probably be necessary to have additional personnel when construction of antennas and equipment installation begins. It is suggested that this point might be borne in mind in the overall personnel planning at Headquarters. 25X1A

It is recommended that any selection of additional personnel for [REDACTED] give considerable weight to relative grades of new personnel in comparison with the grades of those presently assigned. It is believed that the arrival of higher graded personnel might produce morale problems except, of course, where technical superiority is clearly evident.

Morale of the men has improved considerably since a means of alleviating the heavy financial burden has been found. At present a per diem has been arranged until such time as a definite allowance for this area has been arranged by the State Department survey. This is most satisfactory to all personnel. It is understood that the personnel officer of [REDACTED] Division is in Washington at the present time and is going to bring back enough information from the 201 files to enable them to keep closer records of ingrade raises and annual leave. 25X1A